

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 1742**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: BLACK HEXAVALENT  
CHROMIUM-FREE PLATING  
TREATMENT

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**RULE 116 RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Final Office Action of June 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: